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## HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

The following Bill was introduced in the House of the People on 6th April, 1953:—

BILL No. 80 OF 1953

*A Bill to confer on the President the power of the Legislature of the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union to make laws.*

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows:—

**1. Short title.**—This Act may be called the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1953.

**2. Definition.**—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "Proclamation" means the Proclamation issued on the 4th day of March, 1953, by the President under clause (1) of article 356 of the Constitution.

**3. Conferment on the President of the power of the State Legislature**  
(1) The power of the Legislature of the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union to make laws, which has been declared by the Proclamation to be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament, is hereby conferred on the President.

(2) In the exercise of the said power, the President may, from time to time, whether Parliament is or is not in session, enact as a President's Act a Bill containing such provisions as he considers necessary.

(3) Every Act enacted by the President under sub-section (2) shall, as soon as may be after enactment, be laid before each House of Parliament.

(4) Either House of Parliament may, by resolution passed within seven days from the date on which the Act has been laid before it under sub-section (3), direct any modifications to be made in the Act and if the modifications are agreed to by the other House of Parliament during the session in which the Act has been so laid before it, such modifications

shall be given effect to by the President by enacting an amending Act under sub-section (2):

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall affect the validity of the Act or of any action taken thereunder before it is so amended.

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the Proclamation of the President dated the 4th March, 1958, the powers of the Legislature of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union are now exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament. There are a number of legislative measures, including tenancy and land reforms, which it is necessary to enact for the Patiala and East Punjab States Union. These legislative measures can be taken up by Parliament only by postponing its business and even then, it is likely that Parliament may not have the time to deal with all legislative measures for the State. It is therefore proposed that Parliament should, in accordance with the provisions of article 857 (1) of the Constitution, confer by law on the President the power of the legislature of the State of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union to make laws for the State.

The present Bill is intended to give effect to this proposal.

NEW DELHI;

The 26th March, 1958.

K. N. KATJU.

M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*